

March 13, 2022

To the Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee of Connecticut,

I am writing to urge you to please oppose S.B. 16: An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime, as it is currently drafted.

While at face value the topic of juvenile crime is nothing to be shrugged off, the additions listed in S.B. 16 regarding limitations on semiautomatic firearm ownership are unwarranted. Further, the statistics associated with crime, in general, and regardless of the nature therein, are highest in areas of extremely dense population (i.e., cities or high occupancy municipalities). As such, the proposition of statewide regulations grossly extended to responsible gun owners, the majority of which live in rural communities across the state, seems extremely unwarranted. Issues as such should be handled by our cities' mayoral offices.

Finally, as both a taxpaying citizen and a lawful gun owner in this fine state, I would like to express my extreme dissatisfaction at the "Statement of Purpose" at the closure of S.B. 16:

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Responsible gun ownership should not be subjected to the whims of budget recommendations.

I appreciate your consideration of my opinion contained herein, and again, strongly urge you to please oppose S.B. 16 as currently drafted.

Respectfully,

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